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SUBJECT : OIL EXPLORATION

REFERENCE : CONAKRY 1788

1. WILLIAM BASSINGER, VICE PRESIDENT BUTTES GAS AND OIL, SIGNED AN INITIAL AGREEMENT WITH THE GUINEAN GOVERNMENT SEPTEMBER 9 IN CONAKRY PROVIDING FOR OFFSHORE OIL EXPLORATION. THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT THE 40,000 SQUARE KILOMETERS OF GUINEAN COASTAL AREA WILL BE DIVIDED INTO EIGHT TRACTS OF 5,000 SQUARE KILOMETERS. BUTTES WILL SURVEY THE ENTIRE 40,000 SQUARE KILOMETER AREA, AND HAS PRIORITY RIGHTS TO TWO OF THE TRACTS FOR EXPLOITATION. THE SURVEY AND THE SELECTION OF THE TRACTS MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN SIXTY DAYS OF THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT. BASSINGER SAID THAT A SURVEY BOAT WILL ARRIVE GUINEA ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF DECEMBER AND THAT THE SURVEY WILL BE COMPLETED WELL AHEAD OF THE AUTHORIZED TIME.

2. GUINEAN GOVERNMENT ALSO PRESENTED BUTTES WITH DRAFT OF TEXT OF BASIC AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR EXPLOITATION. WHILE THERE REMAINS SEVERAL POINTS TO BE NEGOTIATED, THE TWO

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PARTIES HAVE AGREED TO SIGN WITHIN 45 DAYS. BUTTES REPRE-

SENTATIVES ANTICIPATE NO MAJOR DIFFICULTY.

3. GUINEAN GOVERNMENT HAS WRITTEN EMBASSY TO REQUEST THAT
RELEVANT ERTS SATELLITE PHOTOS BE MADE AVAILABLE TO BUTTES
FOR SURVEY.

4. COMMENT: BUTTES TEAM WAS VERY FAVORABLE IMPRESSED BY
COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE OF GUINEANS AND THEIR EVIDENT DESIRE
TO GET PROJECT GOING.

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